

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update (*Special late – Cycle Oregon Edition*)

DATE: September 13, 2019

Yard of the Week

This week the Yard of the Week is located at 1415 Edison Avenue. It is a small yard with a well laid out display that is very inviting. Thank you for the great nomination. Only two more weeks remain in the 2019 Yard of the Week season. Be sure to get your nominations turned in for any yard that you think deserves recognition.

Cycle Oregon

1,575 cyclists from around the world descended into the Cottage Grove area today to spend the last night of the Cycle Oregon Classic Ride at Schwarz Park. Many of the riders made the trek into town either on their bikes or using the free LTD shuttle that was provided from the Park to downtown Cottage Grove. Mayor Jeff Gowing, Chamber Executive Director Travis Palmer and the City Manager, who also serves as the Chair of the Oregon Scenic Bikeway Advisory Committee, welcomed riders to the area and invited them to come back and spend more time in Cottage Grove. Tomorrow morning the riders will get back on the saddle and make the last leg of their week long journey to Oakridge.

Thank you to the nearly 200 local Cottage Grove volunteers, the Chamber of Commerce and Travis Palmer that coordinated the visit to Cottage Grove. From the comments and smiles at the evening program it appears to have been quite successful and many enjoyed their stay and hope to return.

Welcome Pioneer Quilters

Next week the Pioneer Quilters 43rd Unbroken Thread Quilt show will be held in the Cottage Grove Armory. This annual quilt show has typically been held in Eugene and this year we are excited to host them at the Armory. The Quilt Show will be held Thursday, September 19th through Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.

Preparedness Month

Visit the City's webpage and be sure to checkout the Preparedness Contest that kicked off on Tuesday this week. The contest involves four Preparedness Tasks that if completed can earn entries into drawings for some amazing Preparedness prizes. There are four drawings that are associated with specific Preparedness Tasks. With each Preparedness Task five participants that complete the task and enter the drawing will be drawn and win a prize associated with that task. The great prizes are freeze dried Emergency Meal Kits, solar powered lights with USB charger, battery/solar/hand crank powered radios and Life Straw water filter/purifiers. All entrants in the

four preparedness drawings will be eligible for the fifth grand prize drawing for a 9,000 watt generator.

So check out the Preparedness Tasks and take the steps to get yourself and your family better prepared for an emergency and maybe win a great prize to help you in your efforts. The contest ends on September 30th and you must live within the City limits.

Mayors Emergency Management Summit

Mayor Gowing, Fire Chief Wooten and the Public Works & Development Director attended the Mayors Emergency Management Summit Thursday. The summit was hosted by Eugene Mayor Vinis and Springfield Mayor Lundberg. The summit focused on working together when disaster strikes. Presenters spoke to risk assessments, the National Incident Management System (NIMS), emergency public information, the way forward after the disaster, and how the state can assist during and after a disaster. This was the first of a series of emergency management summits focusing on preparing locally and for disasters and working together when they happen.

Water Quality Concerns

Wednesday the Public Works & Development Director and the Row River Water Treatment Plant Supervisor were interviewed by KVAL News regarding reports of cloudy drinking water from users in Cottage Grove. The water treatment plant staff take water samples daily at the plant and at multiple locations throughout the City. To date all the tests have come back normal with no changes in water quality. If at anytime the tests indicate the drinking water is in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act Regulations the City will notify each user, the Oregon Health Authority and various media outlets.

In the past users have experienced colored drinking water due to micro fine organic particulates being scoured from the inside of the water piping from high water flow events such as water line breaks or large uses of water in a short time frame. This past month there have been several occasions where large amounts of drinking water have been used to fight several house fires. The colored water conditions could be a result of the high water usage.

At anytime users have concerns with the water quality please contact the Public Works & Development Department at (541) 942-3349 during regular City operating hours or call the non-emergency line at the Police Department at (541) 942-9145 after hours. For additional information regarding the City's drinking water please refer to the Water Quality Report on the City's website which has testing results, testing requirements, and links to the Oregon Health Authority for additional information.

Youth Advisory Council Recruitment

The Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council will meet, Monday, September 16th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm to coordinate 2019-20 YAC recruitment efforts. The YAC is looking for more middle school through high school aged youth to serve on the YAC. Please share the information and encourage any youth to check out joining the Cottage Grove Youth Advisory Council.

Water Treatment Plant Expansion

Wednesday the City received eight bids from contractors to expand the Row River Water Treatment Plant by adding an additional Pall Membrane rack increasing the treatment capacity by two million gallons per day. Once completed the treatment plant will have the ability to treat

six million gallons per day. Staff is currently reviewing the bids and plan to ask City Council to award the contract for the expansion project at the September 23rd Council Meeting.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System Repairs

This past week the Utility Division has been working on several projects repairing and improving the City's sewer collection system. The first is a mainline replacement of 250' of 6" concrete pipe with 8" PVC off of Villard Ave. This line serves 14 homes and is past it's useful life and has required regular maintenance to keep operational. On E. Madison Street staff removed three storm drain lines from the sanitary sewer system and will start installing approximately 500' of new storm line the first of October. Separating the sewer lines from storm lines is a requirement by law and will also reduce the amount of material the wastewater treatment plant treats. Finally, Underground Specialists are refurbishing and sealing 15 sewer collection manholes. This will help reduce the infiltration of storm water into the sewer collection system and extend the life of the manholes.

Economic Development

This past week the Public Works & Development Director met with Melissa Murphy from Business Oregon, Austin Ramirez, Lane County Interim Economic Development Manager, and Len Blackstone to discuss how the State of Oregon and Lane County could support projects in Cottage Grove. Melissa discussed several loan and grant programs Business Oregon and the Oregon Housing Authority have to help businesses and housing projects. Austin shared the areas Lane County could help with housing and promoting economic development. Len gave a tour of the Bank Building remodel and discussed other projects he has been working on. All of them focus on creating living wage jobs and supply new housing in Cottage Grove.

Lane Count Fleet Auction

Each year at this time Lane County hosts a fleet auction for used vehicles, heavy equipment, and miscellaneous small equipment from local governments. This year the City was able to purchase several quality used vehicles to update the current fleet vehicles to include several four wheel drive vehicles at a fraction on new cost. This will help staff respond during winter storms such as last year's storm in February that left most if not all two wheel drive vehicles unusable.

Police Training

Chief Scott Shepherd and Captain Conrad Gagner attended the Fall Leadership Conference at the Oregon Department Public Safety Standards and Training in Salem on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The training was a joint sponsorship by the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police and Oregon State Sheriff's Association. Some of the topics included the 2019 Legislative Session Impacts and Critical Issues Briefing; How Should Leaders Lead?

In addition, Sergeant Matt Walker attended training this week at DPSST in the Supervisor Leadership Academy.

Quote of the Week

"Reading is to the mind, as exercise is to the body."

~Brian Tracy~